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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
02 FEB 25 PM 2:59**Re: Reporting the Causes of Airline Delays and**
Cancellations, Docket OST-2000-8164 -50

Dear Sir or Madam:

On December 27, 2001 the Department issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the referenced docket proposing to require certain air carriers to report information regarding the causes of flight delays and cancellations. The NPRM invited comments on the NPRM by February 25, 2002. Southwest was one of four air carriers that participated on the DOT's Air Carrier On-Time Reporting Advisory Committee in 2000, and in a pilot program on this subject administered by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics in 2001. Southwest has views on the issues raised by the NPRM, and will include them in comments to be filed on the NPRM in the next 10 days. Given that flight delays have dropped precipitously since September 11, and there is no apparent need to impose new delay reporting requirements in the near term, we presume that Southwest's comments will receive full consideration by the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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